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INFORMATION CIRCULAR*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "TRIBUTE TO PHILATELY" STAMPS AND SOUVENIR CARD

Commemorative stamps

1. On Tuesday, 14 October 1997, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Tribute to philately". The stamps, in denominations of US$ 0.32, US$ 0.50, Sw F 0.70, Sw F 1.10, S 6.50 and S 7, will be printed in sheets of 20 stamps.

(United States equivalents - Sw F 0.70: US$ 0.49; Sw F 1.10: US$ 0.76; S 6.50: US$ 0.54; and S 7: US$ 0.58 - subject to exchange rate fluctuation)

Denomination: US$ 0.32 Sw F 0.70 S 6.50

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Denomination: US$ 0.50 Sw F 1.10 S 7

2. The stamps were designed by Robert Stein (United Nations), who incorporated the 1986 "Philately - the international hobby" stamps that had been created by Ingalill Axelsson (Sweden) and engraved by Czeslaw Slania (Sweden).

Souvenir card

3. The fifty-first souvenir card on the same theme will also be released on 14 October 1997. The card, which was also designed by Mr. Stein, depicts the six new stamps and carries a statement by the Secretary-General. The souvenir cards will be available for a period of three months while supplies last.

General information

4. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets only.

5. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps, souvenir cards and first-day covers on Tuesday, 14 October, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at the following temporary United States Postal Service substations:

(a) The counter outside the United Nations Bookstore in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter along the west wall of the north end of the Secretariat North Lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.